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Governor McDonnell announces \$2.16 million in Appalachian Regional Commission Grants

– Grants to improve economic, social and cultural quality in Southwest Virginia –

RICHMOND – Governor Bob McDonnell today announced \$2.16 million in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grants for 9 projects in the ARC region, which encompasses 25 counties and eight independent cities in Southwest Virginia.

“The Appalachian Regional Commission grants encourage economic development in this region of the Commonwealth,” said Governor Bob McDonnell. “By funding projects that leverage the cultural, natural, community, structural and economic assets of the region, we are providing a catalyst for growth in communities that are poised for future development.”

Established in 1965, the general goal of the ARC program is to assist the region in achieving economic prosperity that more completely reflects the nation’s overall prosperity. ARC funds are broadly aimed at providing economic development in the Appalachian Region by funding projects such as infrastructure, entrepreneurship support and workforce development. The grants support the goal of building a strong and sustainable asset-based economy by bringing jobs and prosperity to Appalachian communities while preserving their character.

2012 Virginia Appalachian Regional Commission Program Grants:

Applicant	Project Name	ARC Award
Friends of Southwest Virginia	Building the operational foundation for Southwest Virginia’s creative economies initiative	\$ 500,000
Floyd Community Center, a.k.a. Jacksonville Center for the Arts	Capacity-building capital improvements	\$ 157,000
Economic Development Authority of Floyd County	Energy-efficient Innovation Center for Floyd with two clean room environments	\$ 369,000
Giles County	Giles County – Live, Work and Play: Tourism Enhancement	\$ 76,000
St. Mary’s Health Wagon	The Health Wagon: Expansion of Primary and Specialty Care	\$ 100,000
Appalachian Traditions, Inc.	Country Cabin outdoor venue enhancement project	\$ 44,415

Town of Marion	Wayne C. Henderson School of Appalachian Music and Arts	\$ 338,000
Scott County Tourism	Enhancing outdoor recreation, economic development and water quality along the Clinch river Valley in Southwest Virginia	\$ 78,500
Birthplace of County Music Alliance	Birthplace of County Music Cultural Heritage Center	\$ 500,000
	Total	\$ 2,162,915

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